

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1   **Claim 1** (Currently Amended): An apparatus for applying a  
2   substance to a human body comprising:  
3       a hearing device comprising an outer shell and at least  
4   one other member, the shell being adapted to a shape of an  
5   application area for said device at an individual and the  
6   shell being exchangeable from said at least one other member  
7   remote from said individual; and the substance being provided  
8   at a surface of said ~~device~~ shell.

1   **Claim 2** (Canceled)

1   **Claim 3** (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[2]] 1  
2   wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through  
3   said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1   **Claim 4** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said  
2   substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an  
3   antimicrobial agent.

1     **Claim 5** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     surface is roughened.

1     **Claim 6** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the  
2     substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1     **Claim 7** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is structured.

1     **Claim 8** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the  
2     substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1     **Claim 9** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is a micro-structured.

1     **Claim 10** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the  
2     substance is a film disposed in interstices of the surface.

1     **Claim 11** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     surface is porous.

1     **Claim 12** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is disposed in pores of the surface.

1     **Claim 13** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the  
2     substance is disposed in the pores so as to be slowly  
3     dispatched therefrom.

1     **Claim 14** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is a gel.

1     **Claim 15** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is a liquid.

1     **Claim 16** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is a paste.

1     **Claim 17** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is antibiotically active.

1     **Claim 18** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the  
2     substance is an antimicrobial agent.

1     **Claim 19** (Original)   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the

2 substance is a film.

1 **Claim 20** (Currently Amended) A method of applying a substance  
2 to a human body comprising the steps of:

3 providing a hearing device comprising a shell and at  
4 least one other member, wherein the shell is adapted to the  
5 shape of an application area for the device at an individual,  
6 the shell is exchangeable on said at least one other member,  
7 the shell having the substance on an outer surface thereof;

8 applying the shell on the other member; ~~an outer~~  
9 ~~surface of a hearing device with said substance,~~ and

10 applying said hearing device to an individual.

1 **Claim 21** (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the surface  
2 is roughened, structured, or micro-structured and further  
3 comprising the step of applying the substance into interstices  
of the surface.

1 **Claim 22** (Canceled)

1 **Claim 23** (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[22]] 20

2 wherein said substance exhibits controlled migration through  
3 said shell and to the surface of the shell.

1 **Claim 24** (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said  
2 substance is at least one of antibiotically active and an  
3 antimicrobial agent.

1 **Claim 25** (New) The method of claim 21 further comprising the  
2 step of removing the shell from the other member and applying  
3 a new shell on the other member.

1 **Claim 26** (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the steps of  
2 removing the shell and applying the new shell are performed  
3 remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 27** (New) The method of claim 20 further comprising the  
2 step of applying the substance to the outer surface of the  
3 shell remotely from the individual.

1 **Claim 28** (New) The method of claim 20 wherein the step of  
2 applying the shell on the other member is performed remotely

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3 from the individual.